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## **JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION SELECTS NOMINEES FOR FIFTH DISTRICT COURT VACANCY**

The Fifth District Judicial Nominating Commission has selected three nominees for an upcoming vacancy in the Fifth Judicial District. The position will replace District Court Judge J. Philip Eves who announced his retirement effective December 2005. The Fifth Judicial District is comprised of Beaver, Iron, and Washington counties.

The nominees are as follows: Assistant Attorney General D. Michael Carter, Cedar City, Washington County Deputy Attorney John J. Walton, Santa Clara, and Attorney LaMar J. Winward, St. George.

A 10-day public comment period will be held before the names are submitted to Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. To submit comments about the nominees, address a written statement to Commission Chair Alison McArthur, c/o Administrative Office of the Courts, P.O. Box 140241, Salt Lake City, UT, 84114-0241. Comments must be received by August 19, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

The commission may request further interviews or an investigation of the nominees after reviewing public comments. After the public comment period, the names will be sent to the governor who has 30 days to select a candidate. The Governor's nominee is then forwarded to the Senate Confirmation Committee, which reviews the nominee's qualifications and conducts a public hearing and interview session. The Senate Confirmation Committee then forwards the final nominee to the Utah State Senate, which has 60 days from the Governor's nomination to confirm the nominee.

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